

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed extension of a currently approved information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the exemption of State owned buildings that have an adequate plan of self-insurance for its State from the insurance purchase requirements under the Flood Disaster Protection Act (The Act) of 1973.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 44 CFR Part 75 establishes standards with respect to the Federal Insurance Administrator's determinations, that a State's plan of self-insurance is adequate and satisfactory for the purposes of the Act, from the requirement of purchasing flood insurance coverage for State-owned structures and their contents in areas identified by the Administrator as A, AO, AH, A1-A30, AE, A99, M, V, VO, V1-V30 and E zones, in which the sale of insurance has been made available. It also establishes the procedures by which a State may request exemption under Section 102(C) of the Act.

Collection of Information

Title: Exemption of State-Owned Properties Under Self-Insurance Plan.

Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 3067-0127.

Abstract: The application for exemption is made to the Administrator by the Governor or other duly authorized official of the State. The application is accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that certifies that the plan of self-insurance, upon which the application for exemption is based, meets or exceeds the standards set forth in 44 CFR section 75.11. Upon determining that the State's plan of self-insurance equals or exceeds the standards, the Administrator then certifies that the State is exempt from the requirements for the purchase of flood insurance for State-owned structures and their contents.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.

Estimated Cost: \$3,000.

COMMENTS: Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524 or email muriel.anderson@fema.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Mary Ann Chang, Federal Insurance Administration, (202) 646-2790 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Reginald Trujillo,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP is authorized by Public Law 90-488 (1968) and expanded by Public Law 93-234 (1973). Communities must make application for eligibility in the program by submitting the items listed on the enclosed "prerequisites for the sale of flood insurance" which is taken from section 44 CFR, Section 59.22 of the NFIP regulations. Section 201 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 requires all flood-prone identification or submit to the prohibition of certain types of Federal and Federally related financial assistance for use in their floodplains.

Collection of Information

Title: Application for Participation in the National Flood Insurance program.

Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 3067-0020.

Form Numbers: FEMA Form 81-64.

Abstract: The NFIP provides flood insurance to communities that apply for participation and make a commitment to adopt and enforce land use control measures that are designed to protect development from future flood damages. The application form will enable FEMA to continue to rapidly process new community applications and to thereby more quickly provide flood insurance protection to the residents of the communities. Participation in the NFIP is mandatory in order for flood related Presidential-declared communities to receive Federal disaster assistance.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 400 hours.

Estimated Cost: The estimated annual cost to the government is \$21,000 for printing and mailing the forms to regional and state offices.

COMMENTS: Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden